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December 20, 2006

Via E-Mail

The Honorable James B. Gulliford
Assistant Administrator
Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
MC: 7101M
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Rodenticide Registrants Task Force

Dear Mr. Gulliford:

On behalf of the Rodenticide Registrants Task Force (RRTF), I wish to thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and your staff on December 13, 2006, to discuss the RRTF's proposed voluntary stewardship measures, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) potential forthcoming risk mitigation steps. As I mentioned during the meeting, the RRTF's stewardship measures have advanced considerably in recent months. In our meeting, we also discussed the work that was done to develop labeling that would be more consumer friendly (simplified) to help consumers read the label and follow use directions. Attached are examples of product labels that were developed to demonstrate how simplified labeling might look once we received EPA approval to move forward. These examples compare the current label with the simplified label (before & after). Importantly, we believe these label enhancements, rooted in the excellent work of the Rodenticide Stakeholders Workgroup, would largely address EPA's concerns with rodenticides. The RRTF is also prepared to work expeditiously with EPA to develop the other key elements of the RRTF's stewardship measures.

The RRTF remains, however, steadfastly opposed to any requirement mandating bait boxes for consumer uses of rodenticides. As discussed during our meeting, bait boxes have significant drawbacks, not the least of which are cost and availability. Any requirement mandating the use of bait stations would effectively preclude consumer rat control because there are no rat bait stations easily available to consumers for purchase. In addition, bait boxes do not



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preclude children from accessing bait. In fact, the large bait boxes may actually serve to attract younger children, who mistake bait boxes for toys. For all the reasons discussed during our recent meeting, we urge EPA to more carefully and comprehensively assess the likely impact of what we understand is under consideration, particularly the impact on those public housing communities that rely on readily accessible, inexpensive rodenticides to combat the growing challenge of rodent control. The RRTF would welcome the opportunity to further discuss these issues with you and your staff. While time did not allow us to more extensively discuss other areas of identified concern regarding rodenticide use (for example, alleged impact on non-target wildlife), I can assure you the RRTF remains open to further discussing these or any other matters of interest to EPA with you or your staff.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to meet with you, and hope you have a pleasant holiday season.

Sincerely,

John L. Hott

John L. Hott, Ph.D. Chair

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Fish Flavored, Weather-Resistant FORWALCIAC

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ACTIVE INGREDIENT

KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN
CAUTION: See Back Panel for
Additional Cautions

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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its

READ THIS LABEL: Read this entire label and follow all use directions and use precautions

IMPORTANT: Do not expose children, pets, or other non-target animals to rodenticides. To help to prevent accidents:

- Store product not in use in a location out of reach of children and pets.
- Apply bait in locations out of reach of children, pets, domestic animals and non-larget wildlife, or in tamper-resistant bait stations. These stations must be resistant to destruction by dogs and by children under six years of age, and must be used in a manner that prevents such children from reaching into bait compartments and obtaining bail. If bait can be shaken from stations when they are lifted, units must be secured or otherwise immobilized. Even stronger bait stations are needed in areas open to hooted livestock, raccoons, bears, or other potentially destructive animals, or in areas prone to vandalism.
- Dispose of product container, and unused, spoiled, and unconsumed bait as specified on this label.

USE RESTRICTIONS: For control of Norway rats, roof rats and house mice in and around homes, industrial and agricultural buildings, and similar man-made struc-tures. Do not place built where there is a possibility of contaminating food or surfaces that come in direct contact with food. Do not broadcast bait

SELECTION OF TREATMENT AREAS: Determine areas where rats or mice will most likely find and consume the ball. Generally, these are along walls, by gnawed openings, in or beside burrows, in corners and concealed places, between floors and walls, or in locations where rodents or their signs have been seen. Protect bait from rain or snow. Remove as much alternative food as possible

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

Rats: Apply 3 to 10 bait packs per placement. The amount of bait contained in the packs in this box is unlikely to be sufficient to kill more than 3 to 12 rats. Maintain an uninterrupted supply of fresh balt for at least 10 days.

Mice: Apply one placepack per placement location. Space placements at 8- to 12-toot intervals. Maintain an uninterrupted supply of fresh balt for at least 15 days

Rats/Mice: Replace contaminated or spelled balt immediately. Collect and dispose of all dead animals and leftover bait properly. To prevent reinfestation, limit sources rodent food, water, and harborage as much as possible. If reinfestation does occur, repeat treatment. Where a continuous source of infestation is present. establish permanent bait stations and replenish as needed.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.

STORAGE: Store only in original closed container in a cool, dry place maccessible to children and pets. Store separately from fertilizer and away from products with strong odors which may contaminate the ball and reduce accept-

ability. Spillage should be carefully swept up and collected for disposal PESTICIDE DISPOSAL: Commercial use: Wastes resulting from the use of this product should be securely wrapped in several layers of newspaper and then disposed of onsite or at an approved waste disposal facility. **Household** use: Securely wrap wastes resulting from the use of this product in several layets of newspaper and discard in trash

CONTAINER DISPOSAL: Commercial use: Dispose of empty container in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke, **Household use:** Do not reuse container. Wrap container securely in several layers of newspaper and discard in trash.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARD TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION: Keep away from humans, domestic animals and pets. If swallowed, this material may reduce the clotting ability of the blood and cause bleeding. NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: If ingested, administer Vitamin Ki, intramuscularly or orally, as indicated in bishydroxycoumarin overdose. Repeat as necessary based on monitoring of proffirembin times.

IN ALL CASES OF HUMAN INGESTION IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY A PHYSICIAN.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is toxic to mammals and birds. Do not apply this product directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark



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Rat & Mouse Killer Bait Packs

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Diphacinone (2-diphenylacetyl-1,3-

TOTAL...... 100.000% EPA Reg. No. 61282-6

EPA Est. No. 61282-WI-1

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

CAUTION

See Back Panel for Safety Information

MAY BE HARMFUL OR FATAL IF EATEN BY CHILDREN OR PETS

Manufactured By: Hacco, Inc. P.O.Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707

NET CONTENTS: 8x2oz. (1 lb./454g.)



DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling

READ THIS ENTIRE LABEL: Follow all use direction and use precautions.

IMPORTANT. Place this product out of the seach of children, pets, and other animals.

Use this product only in and around homes, apartments and other residential balidings to control Yorway rats, roof rats and house thing

Baiting Directions

- 1. Clean up any spilled food or garbage.
- 2. Place hait out of reach of children and pots in places where rodents of signs of todents are seen. To find where rodents live and travel, search for droppings, urine stains, signs of gnawing, nests, and burrows. Look for these signs in dark, conscaled areas, along walls and in corners.
- 3. To keep children and pets from getring to bair, place bair well behind heavy appliances or furniture, or inside locked cupboards or rooms, where rodent signs have been found. Make sure that children cannot reach bair where it is placed bo not place bair out in the open, away from walls or other vertical structures. If bair cannot be placed out of the reach of children and pets, then bair must be placed in a tamper-resistant, locked bair station. Secure bair stations if necessary to prevent spillage. For even more information about tamper-resistant bair stations, contact
- 1. To prevent spillage, bait should be placed in small disposable trays and not directly on the floor. For rats, starr with two bait packs per placement and add up to a maximum of eight bait packs per placement if von determine that there is a high level of rat activity at that location. One placement should be enough for a 10° by 12° foot room. Use another placement in larger areas. Maintain an uninterrupted supply of tresh bait for at least 10 days. For mice, apply one bait pack per placement. Space placements 8 to 12 feet apart. Maintain an uninterrrupted supply of fresh balt for at least 15 days. 5. For best results, leave bait undisturbed for at least two days. Check bait every two days, adding fresh bait as needed. Keep spilled bait

cleaned up. Bait placements not fed from for five consecutive days may be relocated as needed. If you are in an area where you may got reinfestations from adjoining property, permanent bait placements should be made. Permanent placements should be checked periodically.

- 6. Do not place bait in areas where there is a possibility of contaminating food or surfaces that come in direct confact with food.
- Clean all utensits used for measuring or applying pair and do not use them with human or pet foods. Collect and dispose of dead rodents properly.
- 8. To keep rats and mice away, clean up spilled rood immediately and remove garbage. Clean up areas where rodents may nest and breed, such as piles of newspapers and trash.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

- Product Not Being Used must Be Stored out of Reach of Oblidren and Pets.
- Store product not being used in the original, closed container in a cool, dry place.
- * Do not reuse container.
- Wrap used container and leftover or spilled product in newspaper and discard in the trash.

SAFETY INFORMATION AND FIRST AID

CAUTION: May be harmful if swallowed. Keep away from children, pets and other animals. If swallowed, this product may reduce the clotting ability of the blood and cause bleeding.

FIRST AID: If bait is eaten by a human, contact a Poison Control Center or a doctor. If bait is eaten by a pet, contact a veterinarian. Have this label handy when seeking treatment.

NOTE TO DOCTOR OR VETERINARIAN: This product contains diphacinone, an anticoagulant. When administered properly by a doctor or veterinarian, vitamin K is antidotal.

FOR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY INVOLVING THIS PRODUCT, CALL: 1-800-228-5635, EXT.126, OR CALL COLLECT, 612-351-8189, EXT. 136.

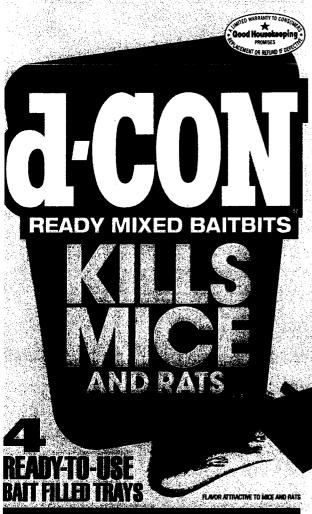
ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is hazardous to animals and birds. Do not apply directly to water.

NOTICE OF WARRANTY(OPTIONAL)







CAN KILL IN ONE FEEDING

Mice and rats will die within 4 or 5 days

Keep out of reach of children.

CAUTION: May be harmful or latel if swallowed.

Read additional procautionary statements on back panel.

99.995% TOTAL 100.000%

NET CONTENTS 4/3.0 OZ. (85g)

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READY MIXED BAITBITS KILLS MICE AND RATS

Kills Warfarin-Resistant House Mice and Warfarin-Resistant **Norway Rats**

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Mice and rats may consume a lethal dose in one feeding with first dead rodents appearing 4 or 5 days after feeding begins.



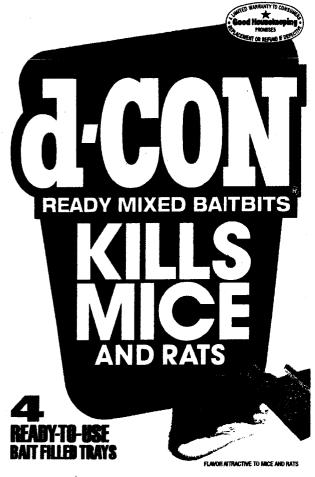
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ACTIVE INGREDIENT: Brodifacoum 3-[3-(4'-bromo-[1,1'-biphenyf]-4-yf)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-0.005%

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ECTION OF TREATMENT AREAS: Place trays in or near points where you in seen miles or rat signs such as droppings, runways, burrows, or twing marks. Once areas requiring batting have been identified, proceed

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Kills Warfarin-Resistant House Mice and Warfarin-Resistant **Norway Rats**

SAFETY INFORMATION AND FIRST AID

CAUTION:

Keep away from children. pets and other animals. May be harmful or fatal if swallowed.
If swallowed, this product may reduce the clotting ability of blood and cause bleeding.

FIRST AID: If bait is eaten by humans contact a physician or poison control center (800/2004-2004). If balt is eaten by pets contact a veterinarian. NOTE TO PHYSICIAN AND VETERINARIAN: This product contains brodifacum, an

anticoagulant. If administered property, Vitamin K1 is antidotal.



This product is hazardous to animals and birds. Do not apply directly to water.

NOTICE TO BUYER AND USER: Seller warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably if for the purposes stated on the label when used in accordance with directions under normal conditions of use. This warranty does not extend to the use of this product contrary to table instructions, or under conditions not reasonably foreseasable to Seller, and Buyer and User assumes the risk of any such use.

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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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READ THIS ENTIRE LABEL. FOLLOW ALL USE DIRECTIONS AND SAFETY INFORMATION.

IMPORTANT!

Place this product out of the reach of children, pets and other animals!

Use this product only to control Norway rats, roof rats and house mice in and around homes, apartments and similar residential buildings:

Baiting Directions

Clean up any spilled food or garbage.

Place balt out of reach of children and pets in places where rodents or signs of rodents are seen. To find where rodents live and travel, search for droppings, routine stains, signs of gnawing, nests and burrows. Look for these signs in dark, concealed areas, along walls and in cornors. Do not place bait out in the open, away from walls or other vertical structures.

To keep children or pets from getting to bait, place trays behind heavy appliances and furniture or inside locked cabinets or rooms where children and

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For house mice, use one tray per location/area. For Norway and roof rats, start with one tray per location/area and add up to a maximum of four trays per location/area if you determine that there is a high level of rat activity at the location for best results, leave trays undisturbed for at least two days. However, if contents have been contented or mostly consumed connex replace trays. Keep collect bait

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For complete control, continue batting for at least 15 days. If you are in an area where you may get reinfestation from adjoining property, permanent batt placements should be made. Permanent placements should be checked 6.

periodically.

Do not place bait in areas where there is a possibility of contaminating food or 7. surfaces that come in contact with food.

Collect and dispose of dead rodents properly.

To keep rats and mice away, clean up spilled food immediately and remove garbage. Clean up areas where mice and rats may nest and breed.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Product not being used should be stored out of the reach of children and pets. Store product not being used in the original, closed container in a cool, dry place.

Do not reuse container.

Wrap the used container or spilled and leftover product in newspaper and throw away

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